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Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

**REFERENCES**

Submitted herewith is a Japanese Office Action for the Examiner's consideration. The references cited therein were previously filed on July 9, 2004. Also submitted is a PTO-1449 listing JP 2001-51834 and JP 2001-251266 (submitting English Abstracts and Unedited Computer Generated English translations only, references were previously filed on July 9, 2004.)

**RELATED CASES**

Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s), published application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. In accordance with the waiver of 37 CFR 1.98 dated September 21, 2004, copies of the cited pending applications are not provided. Cited published and/or issued patents, if any, are listed on the attached PTO form 1449.

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